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- 1. I CONCUR WITH CANNING'S REASONING AND RECOMMENDATION IN REF (D).
- 2. EMBASSY, ESPECIALLY WITH REDUCED STAFF, WOULD BE UNABLE TO SUPERVISE USIS OPERATION KAMPALA IF CANNING SHOULD LEAVE. FOR REASONS CITED BY CANNING, I BELIEVE CENTER WOULD COLLAPSE IF LEFT ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES.
- 3. THOUGH GENERAL IMPRESSION THROUGHOUT UGANDA WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS IS VERY LIKELY TO BE THAT AMERICANS ARE "PULLING OUT," REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DO, CONTINUANCE IN OPERATION OF USIS CENTER WOULD HELP COUNTER THIS IMPRESSION TO A LIMITED EXTENT, AS IT IS A VISIBLE ELEMENT OF OUR OFFICIAL PRESENCE HERE.
- 4. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT CANNING REMAIN HERE TO KEEP USIS CENTER RUNNING AT A LOW-KEY LEVEL UNTIL THOSE AMERICANS WHO ARE LEAVING UGANDA HAVE LEFT, AT WHICH POINT WE SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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